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Comptroller General
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Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Melstrom Manufacturing Corporation

File: B-253719.22

Date: July 1, 1993

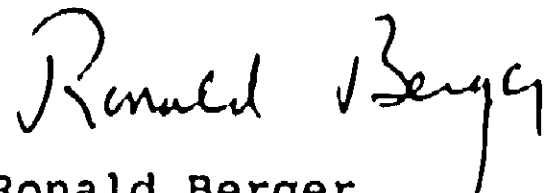
DECISION

Melstrom Manufacturing Corporation protest the announcement by Hill Air Force Base, Utah, that it will charge a \$15 fee for solicitation packages under a 1-year pilot test beginning July 1, 1993. The protester state that this policy would restrict competition.

Our bid protest jurisdiction under the Competition in Contracting Act is limited to complaints involving solicitations issued by federal agencies and awards made or proposed to be made under those solicitations. 31 U.S.C. § 3551-6 (1988); A. Moe & Co., Inc., 64 Comp. Gen. 155 (1985); 4 C.F.R. § 21.1(a) (1993). Accordingly, in the absence of a solicitation, we will not consider complaints about agency practices or policies. Aquirre Architects, Inc.--Recon., B-230256.2, May 19, 1988, 88-1 CPD ¶ 478 and ADI Sys. Consultants, B-231511, May 31, 1988, 88-1 CPD ¶ 518.

Since the complaint here concern only Hill's intention to charge a fee for solicitations and are not related to any specific solicitation, we cannot consider the protest. See Aeronautical Components, Inc. et al., B-253719 et al., June 16, 1993, 93-1 CPD ¶ ____.

The protest is dismissed.


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